

# San Bernardino County



**Larry Walker**

**Auditor-Controller/Recorder/Treasurer/Tax Collector and County Clerk**

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **LARRY WALKER TO OFFICIALLY “PASS THE BATON” OF COUNTY RECORDER AND COUNTY CLERK DUTIES TO DENNIS DRAEGER - LEAVES BEHIND A LONG LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**San Bernardino, CA** — San Bernardino County Recorder Larry Walker will officially “pass the baton” of recorder-clerk duties to newly-elected Assessor-Recorder-Clerk, Dennis Draeger effective 12:00 (noon) on January 3, 2011. Earlier this year, the Board of Supervisors approved the consolidation of the Auditor-Controller/Recorder with the Treasurer-Tax Collector (effective March 25, 2010), along with the consolidation of the Recorder with the Assessor. The Recorder-County Clerk functions will shift to the Assessor beginning January 3, 2011. In an informal ceremony set for December 29<sup>th</sup> Walker will pass the baton representing those functions to Draeger.

San Bernardino County Recorder-County Clerk Larry Walker was first elected Auditor-Controller/Recorder in 1998. A great deal was accomplished under Walker’s leadership during his tenure as County Recorder. Walker played a key role while implementing strategic initiatives to enhance delivery of services to customers. He transformed the office from 90% manual to a 90% automated process. His continual leadership spearheaded the automation of daily correspondence, billing and Oaths of Office. This enabled his office to process a 75% increase in the number of documents over a two-year period.

While the recording industry faced the many challenges of the housing boom during the early 2000s, Walker effectively streamlined the electronic recording process. His continual leadership and focus on customer service has made San Bernardino County Recorder one of the top counties in the state. Walker’s commitment to technology and customer service paved the way to a centralized cashiering system, which created a one-stop shop for lobby customers. In addition to expanding services at the main office in San Bernardino, Walker extended services to the High Desert Government Center located in Hesperia, which recently opened November, 2010. Before opening an office at High Desert Government Center, the Recorder’s Office operated a satellite office out of the Apple Valley and Montclair Libraries.

Walker worked closely with County Recorders throughout the state, and eventually organized the formation of the California Electronic Recording Transaction Network Authority. “I always admired Larry for his dedication to his responsibilities,” stated Gina Alcomendras, Santa Clara County Clerk-Recorder. “When he became the Clerk-Recorder, he took the time to study, learn, and be well acquainted with his office in order to serve his County and his constituents well.”

“This is bitter-sweet for me,” stated Walker. “I have spent over twelve years building the Recorder’s Office to what it is today. I am proud of our accomplishments and confident that Mr. Draeger will continue to expand services for our constituents.”

Walker leaves behind over a decade-long legacy as a leader in the recording industry. His direction and participation in statewide organizations include National Association of County Recorders, Election Officials and Clerks (NACRC); California Association of Clerks and Election Officials (CACEO); County Recorders' Association of California (CRAC); Property Records Industry Association (PRIA); and founding chair of the California Electronic Recording Transaction Network Authority (CeRTNA).

For additional information, please refer to the San Bernardino County Recorder's website at [www.sbcounty.gov/acr](http://www.sbcounty.gov/acr).

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